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**Th5b****PUBLIC NOTICE****Prepared October 17, 2002 (for November 7, 2002 Hearing)****To:** Commissioners and Interested Persons**From:** Charles Lester, Acting District Director  
Dan Carl, Coastal Planner**Subject: Santa Cruz County Local Coastal Program Amendment Number 1-02 Part 4 (Reasonable Accommodations).** Proposed amendment to the Santa Cruz County certified Local Coastal Program to be heard at the Coastal Commission's November 7, 2002 meeting at the Doubletree Club Hotel (1515 Hotel Circle South) in San Diego.

The County of Santa Cruz is requesting that its certified Local Coastal Program (LCP) Implementation Plan (IP) be amended. This amendment request was filed on August 12, 2002 pursuant to Coastal Act Section 30510(b) and California Code of Regulations (CCR) Sections 13553 and 13555. On October 9, 2002 the Coastal Commission extended the time frame for action on this LCP amendment request (pursuant to Coastal Act Section 30517).

The proposed amendment would establish new IP section 18.10.128 designed to provide a process by which a person with disabilities can request reasonable accommodation from the strict application of LCP standards if required to ensure equal access to housing. Typically, the accommodations involve such things as reducing the required front yard setback to allow construction of a ramp for wheelchair access. The reasonable accommodations ordinance differs from a typical variance ordinance in that it is not related to the configuration of the property per se, but rather to the needs of the disabled person in terms of their ability to use the residential stock of the County. The process established would take place during the course of any other required reviews/approvals engendered by any particular request (e.g., if a coastal permit or other planning permit/approval were also necessary). The reasonable accommodations ordinance would not supercede or otherwise take precedence over the coastal development permit requirements and coastal resource protective policies of the LCP. See exhibit A for the proposed text of new IP Section 18.10.128.

The purpose of this notice is to advise interested parties of the Executive Director's determination (pursuant to CCR Section 13555) that the proposed amendment is minor as defined in CCR Section 13554.

Pursuant to CCR Section 13555, the Executive Director will report this determination to the Coastal Commission at its November 7, 2002 meeting at the Doubletree Club Hotel located at 1515 Hotel Circle South in San Diego. The Executive Director will also report any objections to

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the determination that are received within ten working days of posting of this notice. The proposed minor amendment will be deemed approved and will become effective immediately unless one-third of the appointed members of the Commission request that it be processed as a major LCP amendment (CCR Section 13555(b)).

If you have any questions or need additional information regarding the proposed LCP amendment or the Commission procedures, please contact Dan Carl in the Coastal Commission's Central Coast District Office in Santa Cruz at the address or phone number listed above. If you wish to register an objection to the proposed minor LCP amendment, please do so by November 4, 2002.

**Attachments:**

Exhibit A: Proposed IP Section 18.10.128

Exhibit B: Board of Supervisor's Resolution Adopting IP Section 18.10.128

